

HOUSE BILL No. 1336

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-22-2-37.1; IC 6-1.1-4-34.

Synopsis: Reassessment matters. Provides that emergency rules adopted by the department of local government finance (DLGF) or the Indiana board of tax review concerning the takeover of a county's reassessment process by DLGF may be extended for an unlimited number of extension periods but expire not later than January 1, 2006. Corrects cross-references in the statute governing the deadline for appeals to the Indiana board of tax review concerning reassessment determinations made by DLGF in Lake County after the informal hearing process.

Effective: Upon passage; May 8, 2003 (retroactive).

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January 15, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-22-2-37.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2004,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 37.1. (a) This section applies to a rulemaking
4 action resulting in any of the following rules:

5 (1) An order adopted by the commissioner of the Indiana
6 department of transportation under IC 9-20-1-3(d) or
7 IC 9-21-4-7(a) and designated by the commissioner as an
8 emergency rule.

9 (2) An action taken by the director of the department of natural
10 resources under IC 14-22-2-6(d) or IC 14-22-6-13.

11 (3) An emergency temporary standard adopted by the
12 occupational safety standards commission under
13 IC 22-8-1.1-16.1.

14 (4) An emergency rule adopted by the solid waste management
15 board under IC 13-22-2-3 and classifying a waste as hazardous.

16 (5) A rule, other than a rule described in subdivision (6), adopted
17 by the department of financial institutions under IC 24-4.5-6-107

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and declared necessary to meet an emergency.

(6) A rule required under IC 24-4.5-1-106 that is adopted by the department of financial institutions and declared necessary to meet an emergency under IC 24-4.5-6-107.

(7) A rule adopted by the Indiana utility regulatory commission to address an emergency under IC 8-1-2-113.

(8) An emergency rule jointly adopted by the water pollution control board and the budget agency under IC 13-18-13-18.

(9) An emergency rule adopted by the state lottery commission under IC 4-30-3-9.

(10) A rule adopted under IC 16-19-3-5 that the executive board of the state department of health declares is necessary to meet an emergency.

(11) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana transportation finance authority under IC 8-21-12.

(12) An emergency rule adopted by the insurance commissioner under IC 27-1-23-7.

(13) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana horse racing commission under IC 4-31-3-9.

(14) An emergency rule adopted by the air pollution control board, the solid waste management board, or the water pollution control board under IC 13-15-4-10(4) or to comply with a deadline required by federal law, provided:

(A) the variance procedures are included in the rules; and

(B) permits or licenses granted during the period the emergency rule is in effect are reviewed after the emergency rule expires.

(15) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana election commission under IC 3-6-4.1-14.

(16) An emergency rule adopted by the department of natural resources under IC 14-10-2-5.

(17) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana gaming commission under IC 4-33-4-2, IC 4-33-4-3, or IC 4-33-4-14.

(18) An emergency rule adopted by the alcohol and tobacco commission under IC 7.1-3-17.5, IC 7.1-3-17.7, or IC 7.1-3-20-24.4.

(19) An emergency rule adopted by the department of financial institutions under IC 28-15-11.

(20) An emergency rule adopted by the office of the secretary of family and social services under IC 12-8-1-12.

(21) An emergency rule adopted by the office of the children's health insurance program under IC 12-17.6-2-11.

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(22) An emergency rule adopted by the office of Medicaid policy and planning under IC 12-15-41-15.

(23) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana state board of animal health under IC 15-2.1-18-21.

(24) An emergency rule adopted by the board of directors of the Indiana education savings authority under IC 21-9-4-7.

(25) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana board of tax review under IC 6-1.1-4-34.

(26) An emergency rule adopted by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-4-33.

(27) An emergency rule adopted by the boiler and pressure vessel rules board under IC 22-13-2-8(c).

(28) An emergency rule adopted by the Indiana board of tax review under IC 6-1.1-4-37(l) or an emergency rule adopted by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-4-36(j) or IC 6-1.1-22.5-20.

(b) The following do not apply to rules described in subsection (a):

(1) Sections 24 through 36 of this chapter.

(2) IC 13-14-9.

(c) After a rule described in subsection (a) has been adopted by the agency, the agency shall submit the rule to the publisher for the assignment of a document control number. The agency shall submit the rule in the form required by section 20 of this chapter and with the documents required by section 21 of this chapter. The publisher shall determine the number of copies of the rule and other documents to be submitted under this subsection.

(d) After the document control number has been assigned, the agency shall submit the rule to the secretary of state for filing. The agency shall submit the rule in the form required by section 20 of this chapter and with the documents required by section 21 of this chapter. The secretary of state shall determine the number of copies of the rule and other documents to be submitted under this subsection.

(e) Subject to section 39 of this chapter, the secretary of state shall:

(1) accept the rule for filing; and

(2) file stamp and indicate the date and time that the rule is accepted on every duplicate original copy submitted.

(f) A rule described in subsection (a) takes effect on the latest of the following dates:

(1) The effective date of the statute delegating authority to the agency to adopt the rule.

(2) The date and time that the rule is accepted for filing under subsection (e).

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(3) The effective date stated by the adopting agency in the rule.

(4) The date of compliance with every requirement established by law as a prerequisite to the adoption or effectiveness of the rule.

(g) Subject to subsection (h), IC 14-10-2-5, IC 14-22-2-6, IC 22-8-1.1-16.1, and IC 22-13-2-8(c), **and except as provided in subsection (j),** a rule adopted under this section expires not later than ninety (90) days after the rule is accepted for filing under subsection (e). Except for a rule adopted under subsection (a)(14), **(a)(25), (a)(26), or (a)(28),** the rule may be extended by adopting another rule under this section, but only for one (1) extension period. A rule adopted under subsection (a)(14) may be extended for two (2) extension periods. **Subject to subsection (j), a rule adopted under subsection (a)(25), (a)(26), or (a)(28) may be extended for an unlimited number of extension periods.** Except for a rule adopted under subsection (a)(14), **(a)(25), (a)(26), or (a)(28),** for a rule adopted under this section to be effective after one (1) extension period, the rule must be adopted under:

(1) sections 24 through 36 of this chapter; or

(2) IC 13-14-9;

as applicable.

(h) A rule described in subsection (a)(6), (a)(9), or (a)(13) expires on the earlier of the following dates:

(1) The expiration date stated by the adopting agency in the rule.

(2) The date that the rule is amended or repealed by a later rule adopted under sections 24 through 36 of this chapter or this section.

(i) This section may not be used to readopt a rule under IC 4-22-2.5.

(j) A rule described in subsection (a)(25) or (a)(26) expires not later than January 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-4-34, AS ADDED BY P.L.235-2003, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE MAY 8, 2003 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 34. (a) As used in this section, "special master" refers to a person designated by the Indiana board under subsection (e).

(b) The notice of reassessment under section 32(f) of this chapter is subject to appeal by the taxpayer to the Indiana board. The procedures and time limitations that apply to an appeal to the Indiana board of a determination of the department of local government finance do not apply to an appeal under this subsection. The Indiana board may establish applicable procedures and time limitations under subsection (l).

(c) In order to appeal under subsection (b), the taxpayer must:

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(1) request and participate as required in the informal hearing process under section 33 of this chapter not later than forty-five (45) days after the date of the notice of reassessment under section 32(f) of this chapter;

(2) except as provided in section 33(i) of this chapter, receive a notice of changed reassessment under section 33(g) of this chapter; and

(3) file a petition for review with the appropriate county assessor not later than thirty (30) days after:

(A) ~~the date of the notice of the department of local government finance is given~~ to the taxpayer under section ~~32(f)~~ 33(g) of this chapter; or

(B) **the date determined under section 33(i) of this chapter after which the department may not change the amount of the reassessment under the informal hearing process.**

(d) The Indiana board may develop a form for petitions under subsection (c) that:

(1) outlines:

(A) the appeal process;

(B) the burden of proof; and

(C) evidence necessary to warrant a change to a reassessment; and

(2) describes:

(A) the increase in the property tax replacement credit; and

(B) other changes to the property tax system;

under P.L.192-2002(ss) that reduced the effect of general reassessment on property tax liability.

(e) The Indiana board may contract with, appoint, or otherwise designate the following to serve as special masters to conduct evidentiary hearings and prepare reports required under subsection (g):

(1) Independent, licensed appraisers.

(2) Attorneys.

(3) Certified level two Indiana assessor-appraisers (including administrative law judges employed by the Indiana board).

(4) Other qualified individuals.

(f) Each contract entered into under subsection (e) must specify the appointee's compensation and entitlement to reimbursement for expenses. The compensation and reimbursement for expenses are paid from the county property reassessment fund. Payments under this subsection from the county property reassessment fund may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(g) With respect to each petition for review filed under subsection

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(c), the special masters shall:

- (1) set a hearing date;
- (2) give notice of the hearing at least thirty (30) days before the hearing date, by mail, to:
 - (A) the taxpayer;
 - (B) the department of local government finance;
 - (C) the township assessor; and
 - (D) the county assessor;
- (3) conduct a hearing and hear all evidence submitted under this section; and
- (4) make evidentiary findings and file a report with the Indiana board.

(h) At the hearing under subsection (g):

- (1) the taxpayer shall present:
 - (A) its evidence that the reassessment is incorrect;
 - (B) the method by which the taxpayer contends the reassessment is correctly determined; and
 - (C) comparable sales, appraisals, or other pertinent information concerning valuation as required by the Indiana board; and
- (2) the department of local government finance shall present its evidence that the reassessment is correct.

(i) The Indiana board may dismiss a petition for review filed under subsection (c) if the evidence and other information required under subsection (h)(1) is not provided at the hearing under subsection (g).

(j) The township assessor and the county assessor may attend and participate in the hearing under subsection (g).

(k) The Indiana board may:

- (1) consider the report of the special masters under subsection (g)(4);
- (2) make a final determination based on the findings of the special masters without:
 - (A) conducting a hearing; or
 - (B) any further proceedings; and
- (3) incorporate the findings of the special masters into the board's findings in resolution of the appeal.

(l) The Indiana board may adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to:

- (1) establish procedures to expedite:
 - (A) the conduct of hearings under subsection (g); and
 - (B) the issuance of determinations of appeals under subsection (b); and

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- 1 (2) establish deadlines:
2 (A) for conducting hearings under subsection (g); and
3 (B) for issuing determinations of appeals under subsection (b).
4 (m) A determination by the Indiana board of an appeal under
5 subsection (b) is subject to appeal to the tax court under IC 6-1.1-15.
6 (n) This section expires December 31, 2005.
7 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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